THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Funds are allocated State-wise and not National Highwatys-wise. Funds allocated to States and Border Roads Organisation (BRO) for development of National Highways in North-Eastern Region during the last three years are as under:

(Rs. crore)

State	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Assam	26.00	41.87	52.00
Manipur	7.00	10.11	8.50
Meghalaya	10.00	17.30	16.50
Mizoram	—	3.00	10.00
Nagaland	2.00	8.00	15.00
BRO (All NE States including Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura)	85.00	105.43	107.30

(c) Development of National Highways is a continuous process.

Grants for maintenance of NHs

892. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that repairing and maintenance of Nationl Highways are not upto the standard laid down therefor;

(b) whether it is due to low grants given to the States;

(c) whether Government are considering to raise these grants to the actual execution cost basis; and

(d) if so, the details of such new plan and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) National Highways are generally being kept in traffic-worthy condition, keeping in view the available budgetary resources, which are not sufficient as per laid down norms for maintenance.

(c) and (d) In view of the constraint of resources, it will not be possible to provide grants to States on actual execution cost basis.

Road Length

893. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the road length covered under National Highways, State Highways, Major District Roads and Village Roads, State and Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that looking to the comprehensive Road Planning from 1982-2001, for twenty years many States are far away from achieving their targets; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and Union Territory-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) A statement giving details of different categories of roads is enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) The 20-year Road Development Plan (1982-2001) prepared by Indian Roads Congress (IRC) is only suggestive in nature and its recommendations are not binding on the Government. However, no State-wise targets were given in the above mentioned development plan.